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C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 2996

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG CB BM

SUBJ: KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE IN 29TH GA - BURMA

REF: STATE 232799 NOTAL

1. NE WIN REPORTEDLY IS SCHEDULED RETURN TO RANGOON MORNING OF OCTOBER 30. WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION HE PLANS VISIT LONDON ON THIS TRIP.

2. WE CONCUR IN VIEW EXPRESSED REFTEL THAT ONLY NE WIN CAN CHANGE GUB POSITION ON KHMER REPRESENTATION. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT APPROACH TO HIM BY LORD MOUNTBATTEN WOULD BE EFFECTIVE, THOUGH WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO SUCH APPROACH IF HMG AND MOUNTBATTEN BELIEVE IT WOULD HELP. MOUNTBATTEN IS HIMSELF THE BEST JUDGE OF WHETHER HE CAN INFLUENCE NE WIN IN SUCH A MATTER, BUT WE SUSPECT THAT IN SPITE OF NE WIN'S RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP FOR HIM ANY ADVICE FROM MOUNTBATTEN ON POLICY MATTERS WOULD TEND TO BE DISCOUNTED AS THAT OF AN OUT-CONFIDENTIAL

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SIDER WHOSE INTERESTS ARE NOT THE SAME AS THOSE OF BURMA. IN THIS

INSTANCE IT WOULD BE OBVIOUS TO NE WIN THAT MOUNTBATTEN HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY HMG IF NOT BY USG, AND THE BURMESE VIEW OF THE ISSUE AS ONE INVOLVING GREAT POWER CONFLICTS WOULD BE CORRESPONDINGLY STRENGTHENED.

3. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT SHIFT IN BURMESE POSITION, WHILE UNLIKELY, CAN BEST BE SOUGHT BY STRESSING UNITED STAND OF SOUTHEAST AND EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES ON ISSUE. IF TIME BEFORE VOTE ON KHMER REPRESENTATION PERMITS, THIS MIGHT USEFULLY BE DONE BY PRIME MINISTER TANAKA DURING HIS VISIT TO RANGOON WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 6 TO 8. THOUGH PERSONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN NE WIN AND TANAKA ARE NOT PARTICULARLY CLOSE, THE FACT THAT JAPAN IS BIGGEST AID DONOR GIVES IT SOME CLOUT; AND A DEMARCHE BY TANAKA COULD BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE IF IT FOLLOWED A PREVIOUS PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SOME SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADER WHO HAS A FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH NE WIN. THIS MEANS TUN ABDUL RAZAK OR, AS SECOND CHOICE, SUHARTO.

4. THERE IS ONE OTHER STEP GKR MIGHT TAKE WHICH CAN DO NO HARM AND MIGHT POSSIBLY DO SOME GOOD TOWARD OBTAINING BURMESE SUPPORT. A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM KHMER DEFENSE MINISTER COULD APPROPRIATELY BE ADDRESSED TO GENERAL TIN OO IN CORRESPONDING CAPACITY AS BURMESE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND CHIEF OF STAFF, APPEALING AS ONE SOLDIER TO ANOTHER FOR BURMESE SUPPORT IN AVERTING OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN THE FORM OF THE HOSTILE UNGA RESOLUTION. TIN OO IS ONE OF FEW SENIOR MEMBERS OF GUB WITH REPUTATION FOR SOMETIMES VOLUNTEERING ADVICE OR SUGGESTIONS TO NE WIN, AND AT THE MOMENT HE HAS ADDITIONAL STANDING IN MATTER BY VIRTUE OF BEING ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER DURING U HLA PHONE'S ABSENCE (THOUGH WE RECOMMEND THIS NOT BE ALLUDED TO IN ANY MESSAGE GKR MIGHT SEND).

5. WE ALSO RECOMMEND CONTINUED ATTENTION, PREFERABLY BY OTHER ASIANS, TO BURMESE DEL AT UN ON QUESTION OF PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. POINT MIGHT BE MADE THAT BURMESE ABSTENTION ON MERITS WOULD BE CLEARER AND BETTER DEMONSTRATED IF GUB HAS OPPORTUNITY TO ABSTAIN ON BOTH RESOLUTUIONS, INSTEAD OF ONLY ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION AS WOULD BE THE CASE IF IT IS ADOPTED AFTER DENIAL OF PRIORITY TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

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